

Cuchata Brings Latin Flavor To The Mint October 24

First LA appearance since 2006 and first time performing at The Mint!

Oct. 13, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- Cuchata plays its first Los Angeles gig in over 2 years at The Mint, 6010 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. 90035 on Friday October 24 at 11:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance and \$12 day of show via The Mint's website:

<http://www.themintla.com> \$10 adv/\$12 day of show. The Mint's phone number is 323-954-9400.

Cuchata was born out of guitarist/singer/songwriter Marcelo E. Quiñonez's 1999 pilgrimage to his ancestral Nicaragua, where he discovered and fell under the spell of the richness of the country's musical and cultural heritage. (The group's name is actually a corrupted version of the colloquial Nicaraguan term for a coconut knife).

When Quiñonez returned to the USA in the year 2000, he combined his new-found knowledge with his love of other Afro-Latin traditions, including Cumbia from Colombia and Son from Cuba, to create a musical expression uniquely his own. Joined by bassist Cody Rahn and percussionist Bryan Cook, Cuchata was formed as a fascinating amalgam of Nicaragua, Peru, Cuba and Colombia, with Caribbean-side Central American vocal flavors and Pampas rhythms from Paraguay and Argentina.

Over the past 8 years, the artists have has grown musically, as has their desire to relentlessly update and hybridize their sound. Cuchata consistently strives to craft music that defies genres on one hand, yet fits neatly into many on the other. Falling somewhere between the traditional and the experimental, Cuchata's music is the very definition of Latin Alternative music.

Borrowing from traditional Latin and many nontraditional genres, Cuchata blends sounds, styles and influences with extraordinary fluency. Listeners will find elements of rock, hip-hop, reggae, afro beat and much more in their music.

Cuchata's music can be heard regularly on KEXP and KBCS in the group's former base of Seattle, WA. In addition, one of its tracks, Dia del Sol, is being used in the new viral marketing campaign for Mexico's most famous beer, Corona. The group has 2 recordings currently available: "Cuchata" released in 2002 and "Sangre Mixto" released in 2006. Cuchata's forthcoming release will highlight the musicians' abilities to integrate ancient and modern influences into a cohesive blend of original compositions.

Complete artist bios, discography and additional information can be found at: www.cuchata.com. For media tickets, please contact Marcelo Quiñonez at marcelo@cuchata.com

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